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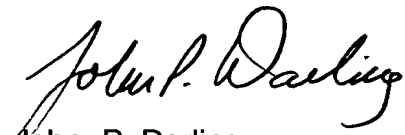
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The reference was cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information. Also, U.S. Patent No. 6,225,027 and EP 0939341 listed on the foreign search report were previously filed in an Information Disclosure Statement on February 24, 2004.

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